

## Ward 6 Staff



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Council Member



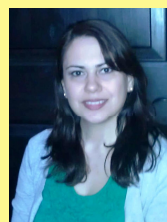
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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

## Tucson First

March 28, 2012

### Partisanship in Arizona

In the category of "you can't make this stuff up," I attended the Gooter Foundation Gala Dinner (thank you Kiamas Foundation for treating me and my bride) last Saturday night. Elliott Glicksman was the emcee, as is usual. For those of you who know Elliott you'll recognize that a part of him serving in that capacity is some humor throughout the night. Most of it worked on Saturday except for his line about me and Mayor Rothschild. As soon as he said that the new Mayor was committed to giving a voice to the needy, the homeless and even to me, a Republican candidate for one of the Board of Supervisor seats passed out in the back of the room. You could not have timed it better to make the point about how shocking working across party lines is in this State.

We are breaking that mold at the Council level.

I'll leave his name out of this, but the guy was ok and able to stay for the rest of the show. But for a parody of the partisanship I occasionally write about, it couldn't have been choreographed any better if we had tried.

Elliott, next time stay away from hyper-sensitive issues like bi-partisanship in Arizona. Focus on less volatile things like abortion, nuclear war and taking away Medicare benefits from retirees.

### Gooter Foundation

There was a serious side to the event. That was to raise funds in support of the Gooter Foundation and their work in relation to research and education surrounding sudden cardiac heart attacks. The Gooter family lost their 42 year old son to such an event and has dedicated themselves and their family to increasing awareness of sudden cardiac death among those who are most at risk.

Nearly 1,000 lives are lost daily from sudden cardiac events. It is the number one leading cause of natural death in the country. The Foundation is connected in a big way with the UA Sarver Heart Center and works to advance the research goals in tandem with many of the very highly regarded medical staff who work there.

Each year a person (or couple) is chosen to be honored as their Philanthropic Award winner. This year the winners were Neelam and Gulshan Sethi. Gulshan is a Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the UA College of Medicine. What I find particularly interesting about his work is how he integrated multiple disciplines in the treatment of heart attack victims (nutrition, social support, meditation, laughter, and



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#### Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444  
nonemergency

#### Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

#### Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

#### Park Wise

791-5071

#### Water Issues

791-3242

#### Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

#### Street Maintenance 791-3154

#### Planning and Development Services 791-5550

#### Southwest Gas

889-1888

#### Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

#### West Nile Virus

#### Hotline

243-7999

#### Environment Service

791-3171

#### Graffiti Removal

792-2489

#### AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

## Continued: A Message From Steve

surgery). We're each an integrated unit and the success of Dr. Sethi's holistic approach to medicine demonstrate that point.

Neelam is active in the community, most particularly in support of the Fox Theater. She started the tradition of Bollywood at the Fox (celebrating their native Indian culture) and began the Family, Arts and Music Experience – FAME) program geared to our youth. Congratulations to the Sethi's and congratulations to the Gooters for supporting this wonderful and enormously important work right here in our community.

You may recall that my Chief of Staff nearly lost her husband about a year ago due to a sudden cardiac event. This Foundation and their work is very close to home at the Ward 6 office.

### Davis-Monthan Award

Last week DMAFB was awarded the 2012 "Department of Defense Installation Excellence Award." This is an award that was established in 1984 that recognizes the efforts of those who operate and maintain DOD installations throughout the Country. By winning the award, DM will receive \$1.1M to be used for quality-of-life improvements to the base. Our servicemen and women deserve to have their quarters and living arrangements upgraded.

Congratulations to Col. Cherrey and to the base personnel who should be proud of this achievement and recognition.

### Tucson Meet Yourself Event

One more good news story before jumping into the heavier stuff.

On Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm until 6pm, La Cocina at Old Town Artisans will host a benefit for Tucson Meet Yourself. The entertainment is satirist Gustavo Arellano. His show is called "Ask a Mexican" – a little edgy and yet a fun cultural commentary on the history and culture of Mexican food in this country. Mr. Arellano's column has a circulation of over 2 million in 38 markets across the country. He's a past winner of the Latino Spirit Award from the California State Legislature and has appeared on numerous over the air major television shows.

I'd suggest getting your tickets early. 621.4046.

### PAG Management Committee Report

The PAG report was on our agenda on Tuesday and was put in front of us for our endorsement. That didn't come without some of our own thoughts being added. It should come as no surprise that the Council would want to add our own thoughts to the report. We represent over 65% of the taxpaying public represented on the PAG.

The report covers a very wide range of areas. These include bond programs, RTA work and generally other regional work on which the PAG jurisdictions are working. One such area is the RTA road work projects.

One of the elements of the report we were asked to endorse was a draft Memorandum of



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520-670-6334

**Senator Jon Kyl (R)**  
520-575-8633

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Gabrielle Giffords  
(D)**

**(8<sup>th</sup> District)**  
520-881-3588

**Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)**  
**(7<sup>th</sup> District)**  
520-622-6788

**Governor Janice  
Brewer (R)**  
**Governor of Arizona**  
602-542-4331

**Toll free:**  
1-800-253-0883

### State Legislators

**Toll Free  
Telephone:**  
1-800-352-8404  
**Internet:**  
[www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

**Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild**  
791-4201

**City Infoguide**  
[http://  
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/  
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

Understanding (MOU) between the parties. As I noted, the City of Tucson is the focal point and frankly the lead dog on the PAG sled. And yet, the MOU contained language that completely missed the point of our legitimate role as the primary funding agent of the group, and therefore some recognition in writing to that effect.

Included in our agenda was a one page reference to a report drawn up by the RTA attorney related to the authority and responsibilities that the RTA Board has – this, in the opinion of their legal counsel. Here's a link to it:

<http://www.rtamobility.com/images/stories/pdfs/RTATMC/2012/RTATMC-2012-03-26-Responsibilities-of-the-RTA-6.pdf>

The report is entirely self serving and is clearly intended to frame an argument in which the RTA Board may operate with impunity in all of the PAG jurisdictions. Comments such as the "RTA could even take the public property of another jurisdiction," "the RTA does not have to wait for a jurisdiction to implement a project," and the RTA Board has "the power of eminent domain proceedings to take property." I believe the voters were approving a tax to conduct road projects, not to set up an independent governmental authority that trumps local authority.

The report from the RTA attorney also stated the RTA must "use a high level of care in spending public funds." It further stated "this robust authority carries with it the legal fiduciary duty to complete the RTP's (Regional Transportation Plan) projects as promised to the voters – on time and on budget."

Good – when the voters are promised a \$9M project and it is still in design at \$25M, that is not a project the voters approved. When a project is sold to the voters on the basis of flawed traffic volume levels, which is also not a project the voters approved.

I believe this sentence from the legal opinion sums up the attitude of the RTA concerning its own sense of self importance: "The RTA Board, in a bold and altruistic demonstration of political leadership and integrity, did more than just adopt the RTP." Then it goes on to restate that the Board is obligated to implement the RTP. That's "bold" and "altruistic?" That's offensive to the core. It's not their money. There's nothing altruistic about them spending our money and refusing to give us a voice in how that is done.

The Council did not endorse the draft MOU, but asked that it be brought back to us for further review. Our representative on the PAG Council is the Mayor. He will be delivering a follow up to the study session the next time he meets with his colleagues on that Board.

More below – but first, consider this:

### Roads and Economic Development

From a recent forum on how roads impact economic development, Jim Mize (Employer Relations Manager, Pima County One Stop: Workforce Preparation, Training and Economic Development) gave the following statistics based on a survey that included 38 local companies. On average 60% of their employees were semi-skilled or unskilled. (Currently the unemployment rate in Pima County is 9%, which equates to 40,000 people out of work.) Companies talked about transportation issues and the need to beautify the corridors extending from the airport. 53% stated that transportation improvements would encourage new business.

Road reconstruction has to trump every other issue in our budget discussion.

### **RTA / Road Reconstruction**

More importantly, it must be the defining issue in the upcoming County and State level races for the fall of 2012. Why? Because 52% of our major streets, and 86% of our residential roads are categorized as being in either Fair, Poor, or Failed condition.

There will be more on Transit in this newsletter, but on this agenda item I asked the M&C to consider joining me in my effort to get the RTA to request the Board of Supervisors to put on the 2012 ballot the idea of shifting 20% of the existing RTA sales tax and earmarking it to road repair. That would then force the discussion about the scope of the projects and allow a community conversation about how to bring them in line with the budgets approved by the voters, or to rescope them where the underlying assumptions related to need have not developed.

The RTA attorney's legal position – and this has been voiced on numerous times by the RTA executive director – is that they have to “complete” the projects on time. For the normal person, the word “complete” pretty much means to finish. For the RTA, “complete” means to start. Fundamentally different ideas and one that, according to their counsel, might open them up to a lawsuit by an aggrieved party.

It would be better to have the conversation about giving the voters the opportunity to earmark some of their own money towards road repair, and then talk about new project scope for remaining projects.

Can we afford to let the taxpayers have a voice in how their money is spent on their roads? According to the RTA management, they “failed four times to get voter approval” so they're not inclined to let you enter the conversation again.

But let's be clear – my suggestion is not to get rid of the RTA. It is to ask you if you'd like to reallocate 20% of the existing tax to fix the roads we have.

Consider:

The RTA charges the City money to do a value engineering analysis of RTA projects. You have no direct voice in creating the list of what they propose to value engineer out of the projects, despite the fact that you are paying for the analysis and despite the potential that some of the amenities were promised to you during planning and design.

The City adopted an early acquisition of property policy back in 1989 – it's called the “current” policy and has resulted in the purchase of millions of dollars worth of property related to projects that are not slated to begin in some cases until 2022.

The City pre-pays transit and road project costs and trusts the RTA for reimbursement of those payments. The RTA is presently several months in arrears on those reimbursements. There is about \$20M tied up in those overdue payments. One of the reasons we haven't been paid is that we have not executed IGA's with the RTA related to the charges. But remember, three weeks ago we passed an IGA that authorized one of those payments related to the streetcar. The IGA came with conditions attached. That's inappropriate for progress payments if all parties are acting in good faith as partners in the work. Last year they held up payments while trying to leverage ownership of Sun Tran. It's never just a straight up deal when getting paid for what we're due.

The State legislature has adopted SB1525 – a bill that will have some as yet undefined



affect on the impact fees we can collect to pay for road projects.

The State legislature is considering HB2656 – a bill that throws the ability of the County to bond into serious question. Impact fees and County bond money make up significant funding sources for our road projects.

Third rail politics is bringing to the light of day some of the laundry that some don't want aired. This is your money and we're ruining your cars while the games I've noted above are being played. The City, RTA, County and State are all implicated in this mess. All I'm after is giving you a voice this fall in telling us to either allocate, or not to allocate a portion of the existing RTA tax to fixing your roads. If you say "yes," then we figure out how to re-scope the projects to pay for that within the confines of that existing tax.

To reiterate – I believe this should be the defining issue in this fall's elections, both at the State and at the County level. To that end, I submitted this memo to the Citizens Accountability for Regional Transit Committee on Tuesday:

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/3-26-12\\_rta\\_letter.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/3-26-12_rta_letter.pdf)

There has been some misrepresenting of my proposal, so I wanted that group to know exactly what I am suggesting.

By the way – Becky Pallack of the Star ran a piece on this idea on Monday. She also ran an on-line poll to see how you felt about it. Just under 80% of you agree – let the voters decide on whether or not to earmark some of the RTA money we're already paying over to road reconstruction.

### **BASEBALL ECONOMICS**

Change of pace – baseball metaphor. UA baseball at Hi Corbett has been very well received so far in the inaugural season. That can best be shown through some of the financial numbers we've seen. We're about halfway through the season and we have sold just over \$113K in ticket revenue. That is compared to a season total of \$69,087 last year. Concessions revenues tell a similarly good story. Last year our net revenues at the end of the year were just shy of \$22K. Half-way through this season our net sales are just shy of \$40K.

With the results of last weekend's series up in Corvallis, the "Cats have won two straight conference series." On Friday and Saturday of this week at 6pm and on Sunday at noon, the UA hosts #2 Stanford. The weather should be perfect. Come on out and support the UA at their new location at Hi Corbett.

### **More UA**

From Article 6 of the State Constitution:

6. Admission of students of both sexes to state educational institutions; tuition; common school system

Section 6. The university and all other state educational institutions shall be open to students of both sexes, and the instruction furnished shall be as nearly free as possible.

With that on the table, the UA was honored in a recent report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that studied higher education institutions, analyzing how the system impacts local and regional development. The UA was rated highly.

One of the concerns raised by the report was the impact of reduced funding for higher education from the State legislature. With the UA working to develop human capital, skills

development, tech. transfers and business innovations, the report made it clear that “the Legislature needs to mobilize sustainable funding.” The report showed that on a per student basis, the UA has been lower than the national average for the past several years.

Even in light of the funding challenges, the UA has adopted a model by which enrollment is anticipated to grow from the current 38,000 to 52,000 students by the year 2020, while at the same time reducing per-student program costs. The shift will be to higher demand degrees and investing more in those programs.

I wrote last week about the involvement of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in relation to the Arizona Accord (sane immigration policy). This week Lea gets more kudos. Her organization has teamed with the highly regarded Eller Economic Development program to introduce a program aimed at helping South Tucson entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. The program will include business basics, social media skills, computer literacy training and other workshops led by UA Eller faculty.

According to the SBA, start-up and small businesses are the primary net new job creators in our economy. The work of the UA, Eller, the THCC and others in the local economy cannot be overstated. The Legislature needs to refocus on Section 6 of the State Constitution, “as nearly free as possible,” and fund appropriately so tuition hikes can be mitigated.

### **Football Scrimmage**

Final add on UA related items. On Saturday, April 14th at 1pm, the Rich Rodriguez Arizona Football team will host its first public scrimmage. These are annual events that are generally held in Arizona Stadium. But since we're in construction at the stadium, this year the scrimmage will take place out at Kino Park. The field will run north - south (home plate to right field) so for viewing, plan on sitting along the first base line. There is a very nice eight home game season, so if you're inclined, 621.CATS is a good number to call for season tickets.

### **Guns on Campus**

A transition from UA activities to Legislation. House Bill 2729, the effort to allow firearms in campus classrooms has died up at the legislature. The sponsor, Representative Gould says he feels the reason is that it's an election year and people didn't want to support the idea ahead of November's accountability forum (election). If that's true, one would have to ask why, if they really believe in it the supporters would be ashamed to stand in front of you and defend it. Let's assume that there is sufficient integrity in the legislature that they wouldn't be playing an election year game by killing the bill now with the intent of bringing it back next session following the election. Let's assume that they're honoring "Thank a Cop Day" that will be Thursday of this week in getting rid of this bill that has been opposed by every law enforcement agency in the State. And yet, we know of plenty of examples of bills that are not necessarily what they may seem on their face. For example...

### **Painted Hills**

By way of quick review, the City Council has been trying to protect our water service policy in the face of a legal challenge from a Dallas Firefighter pension fund that made an unwise investment in property out in the Painted Hills area. Last week, the Arizona Supreme Court declined to hear the Firefighters' petition for review. This means that the Court of Appeals decision stands, and the City prevails in the litigation on this matter.

That should end it but of course, the State legislature isn't inclined to allow the City to decide its own water policy. HB 2416 continues to move through the legislative process. If it is adopted, it will effectively render our "obligated to serve" policy moot, unless we successfully challenge the law in court.

As I noted with respect to road reconstruction, the significance of the water policy in the region should make this another defining issue in the upcoming State level elections. I will continue to report back to you on how the legislation moves along. The legislature should not be mucking around in our local water policy decisions. And yet, the instant goal is to protect the Painted Hills region and live to fight another day over the Home Rule and our water policies. To that end, we have directed the City staff to continue to work towards a mutually acceptable solution that preserves the land, eliminates the legislative threat, and allows the Dallas group to save some face. Stay tuned...

### **Firefighters**

Don't be misled from the Painted Hills report. The bad cops in the issue aren't the Firefighters. The investment agent for a Dallas Firefighter pension fund made a foolish investment.

Our local Firefighters are in a hiring mode. The City is looking to put a class of recruits into the academy later this summer. If you're interested in joining our top notch Fire Department, you have until 3/30 to apply.

You must have a valid EMT certificate if you want to apply.

Go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/fire/training> and you'll find an application.

### **Noise Ordinance**

Our current noise ordinance allows commercial construction to take place seven days per week, even in residential areas. When I was contacted by a constituent a few weeks ago about Sunday construction work (after my having leaned on the contractor several times previously over things such as dust control, noise and middle of the night concrete pours that had not been noticed properly), I called TPD to go and cite them for their Sunday work. That was when I learned that our current ordinance allows Sunday construction to be exempt from our regulation.

I believe that unless there is an emergency being addressed, or unless proper advance notice has been vetted with the adjacent property owners, residents deserve at least a one day time out from the construction work.

So last Tuesday, I asked the City Attorney to draft some language into our current Noise Ordinance that gives some protection to residents who simply want a day away from construction haul routes, back-up alarms, dust and just the activity of building in the nearby area.

When involved with the management of construction projects for the athletics department, even on campus we control the time of day, and days of the week during which the work can be performed. If we deviate, we give advance notice to surrounding neighborhoods. The City should do no less. The City Attorney is tweaking our Ordinance and will return soon with the changes.

### **Transit and the Budget**

On Tuesday we had an update on transit operations, costs and revenue projections. Included

were several recommendations that came from our Citizen's Transit Task Force.

Last year we raised fares incrementally. At the time, there was concern that ridership would drop as a result. Thus far YTD, Sun Tran has experienced an increase in revenue in nearly all fare categories. The system has seen a route passenger increase of 3.1% (\$13M). That's the good news. We raised fares, and revenue and rider participation did not suffer.

The bad news is that this fiscal year we are projected to see an approximate \$46M transfer out of the General Fund into transit. That's up by over \$6M from last year.

The CTAC came up with a variety of scenarios mixing fare increases and route/service reductions. We're just beginning this conversation around the budget table but we have got to do something to stem the tide of annual increases in the costs coming out of the GF.

Last year I proposed tying fare box increases to the CPI and rolling them in over a five year period. I am hopeful that some measurable and gradual system such as that will be considered by my colleagues. Another option is to consider a 10% service reduction. That doesn't necessarily mean eliminating routes.

For example if we extend wait times on four selected routes (3, 4, 6 and 8) by about 15 minutes on average, we would save just under \$4M. Staff says if we do that we'll lose 10% ridership. I didn't believe we'd suffer losses in riders from last year's fare increases, and I don't buy their 10% projection this time around.

I think we all see that the current model is unsustainable. I think we also all recognize that we have to protect at some level those who rely most heavily on the system. We'll find a common ground before the budget cycle is over.

### **Trafficking**

Thanks to Chelsea and Andy Hall of Southern Arizona against Slavery for coming and sharing their research on, and passion to fight the human trafficking industry that has grown over the past several years. We can see by the data that with the popularity of social media, more and more of our kids are being drawn into both sex and labor trafficking networks, far too often with tragic results.

I reported to you in advance of this topic last week. If you missed it, you can find that newsletter on the Ward 6 web site. For this week I'll simply remind you that on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in El Presidio Park (outside of City Hall) I'll be joining Andy and Chelsea in a rally to draw attention to the issue, and in particular to the website Backpage.com – a site that exploits, and that over 45 State Attorney's General have called out in the letter I attached last week.

### **Potholes on 4/9**

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, TDOT will once again resume filling the potholes that have developed around Ward 6. This is the long awaited use of the \$75K we saved at the Ward office last fiscal year and earmarked for our own pothole program.

Some street maintenance work has been on-going in what must have appeared to you as being a rather random fashion. I know that many of you had sent in locations of areas that needed attention, and we have been forwarding that information onto staff to be included in the City wide work. Now that we're about to spend the \$75K, we want to make sure the



list of areas needing work is current.

Please email us at the ward office and give us a specific location if you have road work you want us to put on the list. Even if you sent us a location last time, send it in again if the work still needs to be done. Without us driving around the Ward and looking at each spot, we wouldn't know if yours has been taken care of.

Thanks for participating in this important work. As I've said several times – the roads are a safety issue, an aesthetic issue and an economic development issue. Your involvement in making the list is important.

#### **Blenman Elm Home Tour**

On Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Blenman-Elm Historic Neighborhood Home Tour will take place between 12:30 and 5pm. I was glad to see that of the \$10 ticket price being asked, \$1 off the top from each ticket will be donated to Emerge! Center against Domestic Abuse.

The tour will include seven homes, including a Joesler, and also a '62 Cardinal Travel Trailer that has been restored to its original "period" look. You'll have a great time wandering through the neighborhood and looking at the historic homes. If you'd like more information, contact [benapresident@gmail.com](mailto:benapresident@gmail.com).

#### **Grant Road Overlay**

Let me close by cycling back to the issue of roads. We hosted at the Ward office a forum on the Grant Road Overlay. There was a good turnout, and several good issues were raised by the constituents who attended.

Recall that this is the widening of Grant Road, from Oracle out east to Swan. The road alignment shifts from the north to the south and back again several times as you move down the corridor. The meetings are geared towards informing you of the plans, but most importantly it is about getting your input, and getting back your fair share of the legislatively mandated funding. There will be more opportunities for you to weigh in on the Grant Road project, and it's important that you do so. The road will be widened. The question remains what will take place on the N/S edges of the space.

One correction - in the very last paragraph, please add the next Grant Road Overlay meeting will be at the Ward 6 office on Thursday at 5:30. There will be another one at St. Cyril's at 4:30 on April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions in advance of that, you're free to contact TDOT or MainStreet directly before the next meeting.

Sincerely,



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## Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

**This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .**

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday, March 30, 8:00pm. “Polyphonic Spree”. All ages.

Sunday, April 1, 8:00pm. “Todd Rundgren”. All ages.

[www.RialtoTheatre.com](http://www.RialtoTheatre.com)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, March 29, 8:00pm. “The Pink Floyd Experience”

Saturday, March 31, 7:30pm. “Spark the Floor 2012”

Sunday, April 1, 2:00pm. “Dusty Locks and The Three Bears: TSO’s Really Big Just for Kids Grand Finale Concert”

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**

**Arena**

Thursday, March 29, 7:30pm. “Trans-Siberian Orchestra – Beethoven’s Last Night”

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

**Ongoing . . . .**

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 28 and ending Sunday, June 3:

“Frida Kahlo, Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray”

Friday, March 30, 6:00. “CRUSH pARTy”

[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)**, 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: **Armando Miguélez: *Legislate Crazy***

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

[www.Moca-Tucson.org](http://www.Moca-Tucson.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**The Drawing Studio**, 33 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday March 3 and runs until March 31

“Arizona Encaustic 2012”

**Meet Me at Maynards**

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**Tucson Farmers’ Market at Maynards**

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

### **Santa Cruz Farmers' Market**

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

### **Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond**

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays).

300 E. Congress St.

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

For other events in the Downtown/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)

[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)

[www.DowntownTucson.com](http://www.DowntownTucson.com)

### **Other Community Events**

**Loft Cinema** [www.loftcinema.com/](http://www.loftcinema.com/)

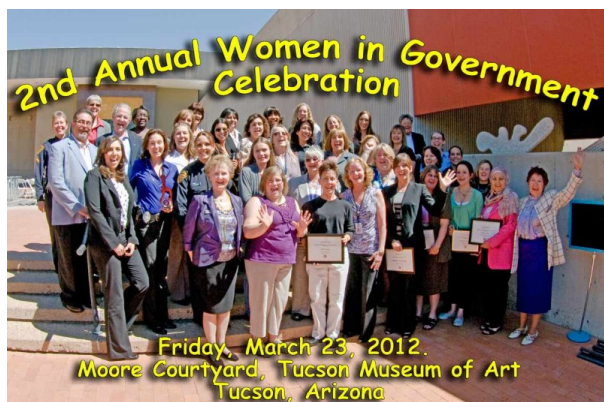
Saturday, March 31, 7:00pm. "Night of the Living Dead."

**UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing**

"100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

**Flandrau Science Center**

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit [www.flandrau.org/](http://www.flandrau.org/) for events and information.



**West University Neighborhood Arts Party**

Date  
**March 30, 2012**

Time  
**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

Location  
**Roskrige K-8**  
501 E. 6th St.

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the music, art, and culture  
of your neighborhood**

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